Bihar and Jharkhand were not included in the Republic Day Parade this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the criteria for including tableaus of States in the Republic Day Parade?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b)The proposals of the states of Bihar and Jharkhand were not shortlisted by the Expert Committee for inclusion in the cultural pageant of Republic Day Parade, 2006.

(c) The selection of Tableaus for inclusion in the Republic Day Parade is done by an Expert Committee appointed for the purpose. The Expert Committee consists of eminent persons from the field of visual arts, painting, sculpture, dance, music etc. The Expert Committee considers all the proposals received from different States/Union Territories/ Departments etc. in its meetings. It takes into account not only the importance of the concept/theme but also the cultural diversity and certain core values of the nation and the progress achieved in various fields. The tableaus are shortlisted based on overall merit and duration of the Republic Day Parade.

Ordnance Factory Rajgir, Bihar

347. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three hundred crores of rupees have been spent on the ordnance factory to be set up in Rajgir in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it would be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) An expenditure of Rs. 314 Crores has been incurred till date. The details are as follows:—

(i)	Cost of technology -	-	Rs. 66 Crores
(ii)	Cost of land	-	Rs. 61 Crores
(iii)	Rehabilitation	-	Rs. 12 Crores
(iv)	Civil Works & Others	-	Rs. 175 Crores

(c) Due to cost overrun, an Expert Committee had been appointed to review the Ordnance Factory Nalanda Project and the Project work has been kept in abeyance. The report submitted by the committee is being examined.

Ceasefire on LoC with Pakistan

348. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had reached an agreement regarding ceasefire on Line of Control (LoC) with the Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Pakistani Rangers have violated the ceasefire in Sambha Sector recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the loss of life and property suffered as a result thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (f) Ceasefire between India and Pakistan has been effective along the Line of Control (LoC) since November, 2003. No violation of ceasefire by Pakistan Rangers has taken place in Sambha sector recently.

Providing necessary equipments to NDRF

349. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a year after the tsunami devastated coastal South India, the Government are nowhere close to setting up the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF);